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1. BILLY AND DE LA COMBE OF ECONOMIC DIRECTORATE SUBSTANTIALLY ACCEPTED OUR SUGGESTED REVISIONS OF OCTOBER 2 DECISION SHEET (REF (A)). THEY BELIEVED NEW PARA (8) WOULD BE A BIT TOO LONG AND DETAILED, HOWEVER, AND SUGGESTED THAT".... IF DATA ARE AVAILABLE BASED ON A CONSISTENT TWO -DEFLATOR METHOD USING ONE OR MORE ALTERNATIVE METHODS OF CALCULATION.." AND "... PROVIDED THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE APPROVED..." BE DELETED. IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES WE FELT THAT THIS WAS NOT UNREASONABLE AND AGREED TO THE ISSUANCE OF A REVISED DECISION SHEET ON THAT BASIS.

2. WE WILL SHORTLY BE CABLING THE DIRECTORATE'S PROPOSED REPORT TO THE CONCIL. BILLY FEELS IT NECESSARY TO ATTACH AN ILLUSTRATIVE TABLE SHOWING THE DIFFERENCE IN DPQ AND RECALCULATED INFLATION INDEXES BASED ON THE EXPERTS WORK (ALTHOUGH NOT IDENTIFYING COUNTRIES). DE LA COMBE IS TO CLEAR THIS TACK WITH THE GERMAN DELEGATION(WHO HAVE BEEN THE MOST INSISTENT) THROUGHOUT PAST ACTIVITIES OF THE EXPERTS' GROUP THAT THE EXCHANGED DATA NOT BE USED IN OTHER FORA), BUT, SINCE THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TABLE WOULD NOT DISCLOSE THE DATA ON WHICH CALCULATIONS HAVE BEEN BASED AND WOULD CLOAK THE IDENTITY OF THE COUNTRIES, WE SAW NO OBJECTION TO IT'S USE IN THE FORM DESCRIBED. NATURALLY, WASHINGTON WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO CLEAR THE REPORT TO

COUNCIL BEFORE IT IS FORWARDED.
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